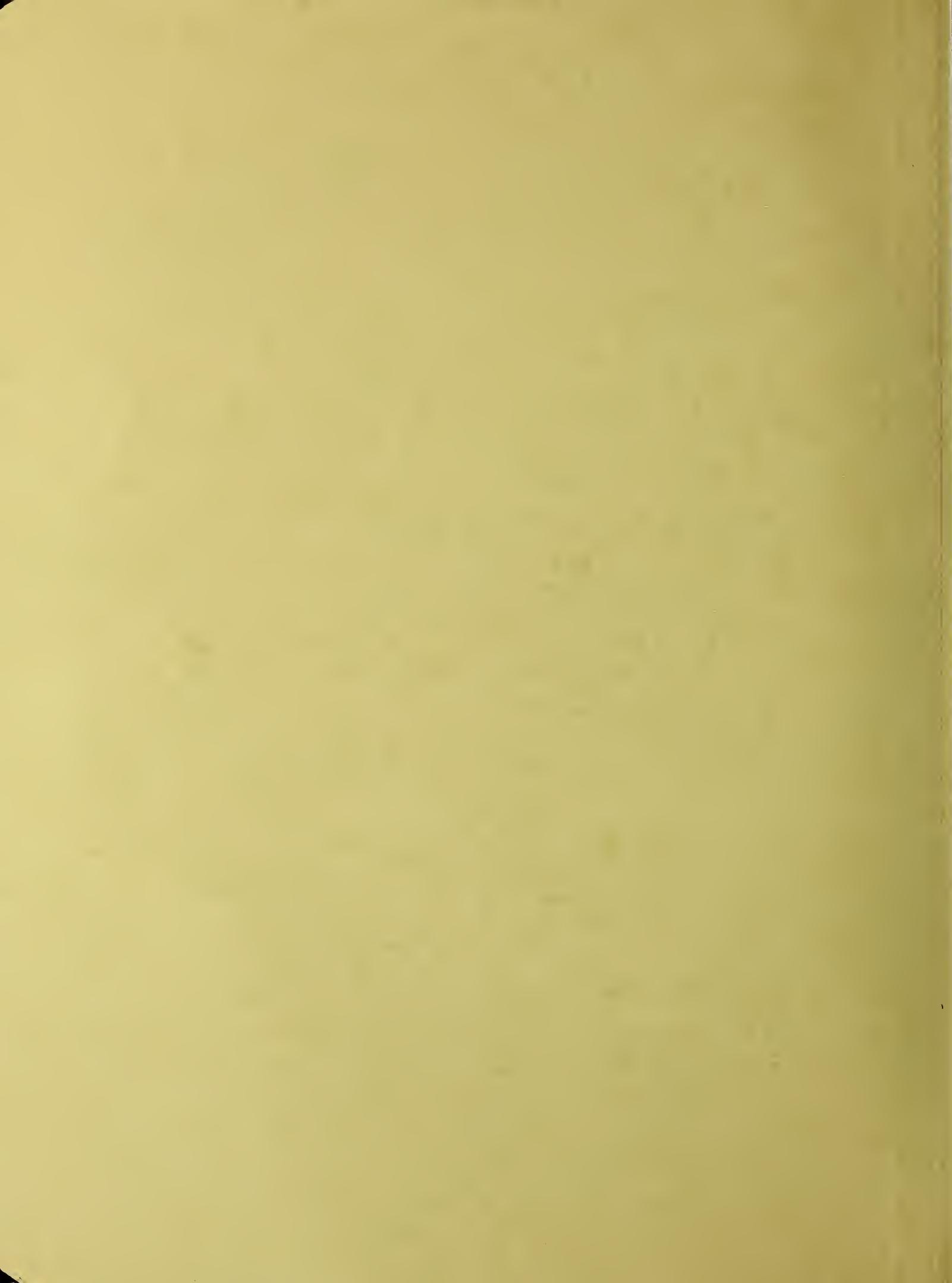


SPRING 2012

DRAWER 12

FUNERAL

1/20/2012 02:05:25



Illinois Springfield Home Furniture

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

From the files of the
Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection

'Lincoln Sat Here'

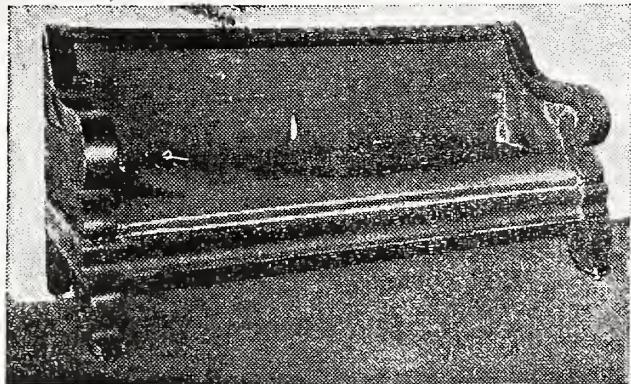
His Furniture is Contrasted with Washington's in Historical Society's Exhibit

IT was 132 years ago today that a boy was born in Hodgenville, Ky., who was to become the 16th President of the United States.

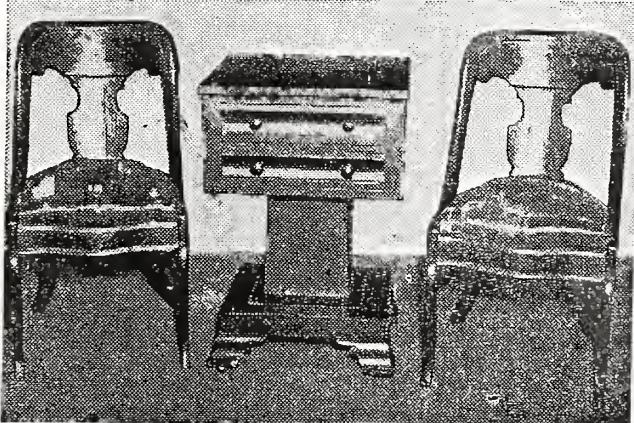
Now in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania at 1300 Locust st., the furniture from his home at Springfield, Ill., severe, heavy and durable, stands beside the elegance that was Washington's furnishings in the first executive mansion in Philadelphia.

A bentwood hickory chair, in which Lincoln was seated when he received word of his election, is in marked contrast with the comfortable upholstered arm-chair which was in General Washington's living room.

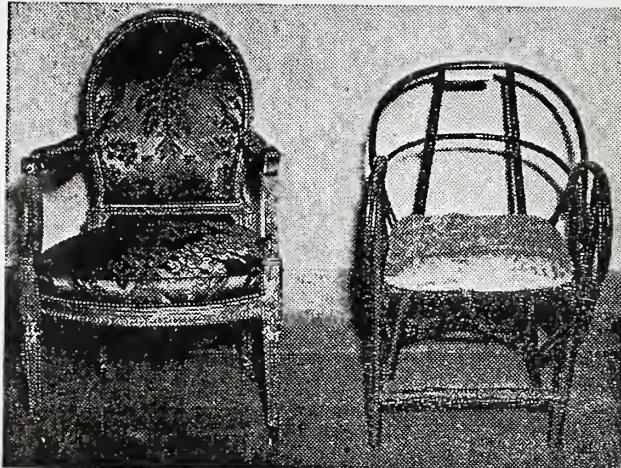
The Lincoln furniture came to the society from the estate of Louis Clark Vanuxem and from William Potter. It had been purchased at auction here in 1894.



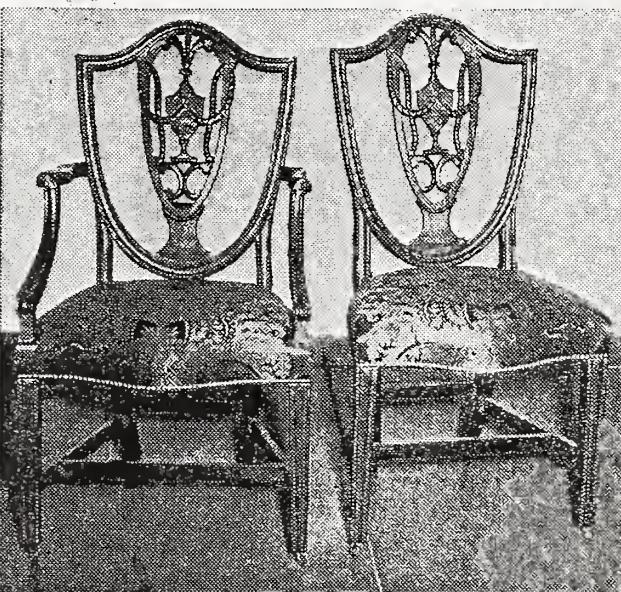
The uncomfortable horsehair sofa was made by a western cabinet maker to order for the tall Lincoln, whose head and feet hung over the ends of ordinary pieces



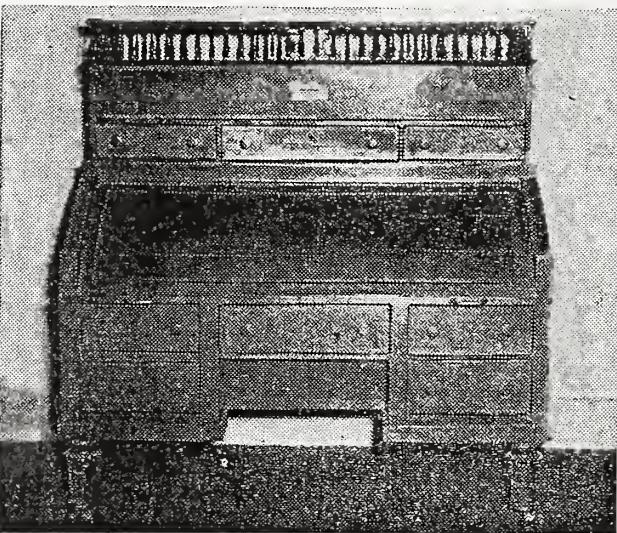
Chairs and "sewing" table in the Lincoln living room tell more than words the habits of the "rail-splitter" from the nation's backwoods



The martyred President's favorite chair contrasts with the "living room" chair that was Washington's in apt illustration of life in a nation "where any American boy may be President"



Eight red-upholstered carved chairs from Washington's dining room. Of Hepplewhite design they are believed to be the work of a Philadelphia artisan



Washington's desk, made by Thomas Burling, New York, one of the finest cabinet makers of the day, was sold to Mrs. Elizabeth Powell (nee Willing) when Washington left Philadelphia. It came to the museum from her great-great nephew, Charles Hare Hutchinson

Mack Plans Bill To Bring Lincoln Furniture Home

By MARION BURSON.

Washington, Feb. 11 (AP)—A congressman who represents Abraham Lincoln's home town suggested today that "something should be done to put the relics of our martyred president where they belong."

Rep. Peter F. Mack jr. (D-Ill.) said furniture that once stood in Lincoln's home in Springfield should be returned there from Washington.

"On the other hand," he added, "it would be appropriate for the rocking chair Lincoln was sitting in when he was shot and the bed on which he died to be displayed in the Washington

shrines where those tragic events occurred."

The bed is in the museum of the Chicago Historical society. The chair is part of a Lincoln collection assembled by the late Henry Ford at Dearborn, Mich.

Mack made his suggestions in an interview on the eve of Lincoln's 148th birthday anniversary. The Civil war president was born Feb. 12, 1809, in a log cabin in Kentucky.

Lincoln's home in Springfield is a two story, frame dwelling of a comfortable size befitting the prosperous lawyer Lincoln was when he lived in it. The home has been reinforced to withstand the visits of thousands of tourists annually. It also has been restored to its original appearance. Most of the furnishings, however, are reproductions.

"Some of the original pieces," Mack said, "are in Ford's theater, where Lincoln was shot, and in the house across the street for the theater, where he died.

"Lincoln's furniture is out of

place in a house he never saw. He was in a coma when he was carried there and never regained consciousness."

Ford's theater, in downtown Washington, is a museum housing mostly articles connected with Lincoln's assassination by John Wilkes Booth on April 14, 1865.

An oak stand, dining room chair, pine desk, and walnut whatnot from Lincoln's Illinois home stand along a side wall. There, too, is a wood burning stove on which Lincoln's last meal before he left Springfield to be inaugurated in 1861.

In the house where Lincoln died, purchased by Congress in 1896 for \$30,000, are two horse-hair sofas and a high back rocking chair from the Springfield home.

The furnishings were among 3000 articles of Lincolniana assembled by Osborn H. Oldroyd, of Springfield, and bought by the government in 1926, for \$50,000.

Mack says he plans to introduce a bill to transfer the furni-

ture to the state of Illinois for placing in Lincoln's home.

He said he didn't know what could be done to get the death bed and rocking chair back to Washington.

"Perhaps the Chicago Historical society and the Ford museum might be willing to surrender them in the interest of historical varieties," he said hopefully.

In Chicago, Paul M. Angle, director of the Chicago Historical society, declined to comment on Mack's statement.

Seek Carpet For Lincoln Home Of Pre-War Design

See place begin

The tread of 20,000 visitors a year at Lincoln's home has worn down the sturdy oak flooring, which in one room dates back to Lincoln's time, and Director Harry H. Cleaveland of the department of public works and buildings is seeking carpet similar to that used in pre-Civil war days.

When a type of carpet similar to that of the Lincoln period is found, it will be laid on the floors to protect them, completing an interior renovation program at the home started several weeks ago.

In the original Lincoln living room in the southwest corner of the first floor, the floor as well as the fireplace and the furniture were in the house when the Lincolns lived here.

The floors have been refinished, the woodwork repainted, new curtains of the Civil war period put up and sections of the walls repapered with a duplicate of the original wallpaper that now covers part of one room.

Congressman Suggests

Put Lincoln Relics Where They Belong!

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (UPI)—A congressman who represents Abraham Lincoln's hometown suggested today that "something should be done to put the relics of our martyred president where they belong."

Rep. Peter F. Mack Jr. (D-Ill.) said furniture that once stood in Lincoln's home in Springfield, Ill., should be returned there from Washington.

"On the other hand," he added, "it would be appropriate for the rocking chair Lincoln was sitting in when he was shot and the bed on which he died to be displayed in the Washington shrines where those tragic events occurred."

The bed is in the museum of the Chicago Historical Society. The chair is part of a Lincoln collect-

tion assembled by the late Henry Ford at Dearborn, Mich.

Mack made his suggestion in an interview on the eve of Lincoln's 148th birthday anniversary. The Civil War president was born Feb. 12, 1809, in a log cabin in Kentucky.

Lincoln's home in Springfield is a two-story, frame dwelling of a comfortable size befitting the prosperous lawyer Lincoln was when he lived in it. The home has been reinforced to withstand the visits of thousands of tourists annually. It also has been restored to its original appearance. Most of the furnishings, however, are reproductions.

"Some of the original pieces," Mack said, "are in Ford's Theater, where Lincoln was shot, and

in the house across the street from the theater, where he died.

"Lincoln's furniture is out of place in a house he never saw. He was in a coma when he was carried there and never regained consciousness."

Ford's Theater, in downtown Washington, is a museum housing mostly articles connected with Lincoln's assassination by John Wilkes Booth on April 14, 1865.

An oak stand, dining room chair, pine desk, and walnut what-not from Lincoln's Illinois home stand along a side wall. There, too, is a wood-burning stove on which was cooked Lincoln's last meal before he left Springfield to be inaugurated in 1861.

Continued on Page 6, Column 5

Lincoln

Continued from Page 1

In the house where Lincoln died, purchased by Congress in 1896 for \$30,000, are two horsehair sofas and a high-back rocking chair from the Springfield home.

The furnishings were among 3,000 articles of Lincolniana assembled by Osborn H. Oldroyd of Springfield and bought by the government in 1926, for \$50,000.

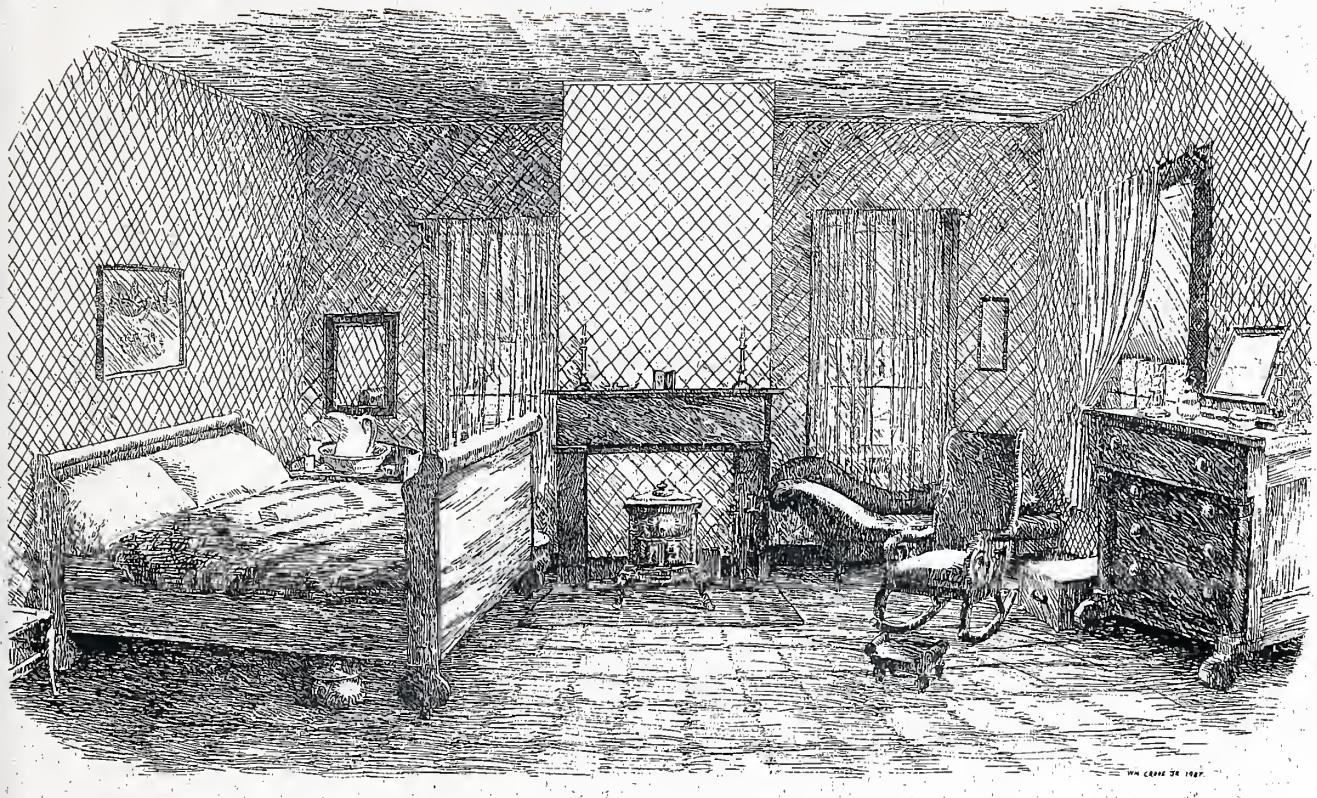
Mack said he plans to introduce a bill to transfer the furniture to the State of Illinois for placing in Lincoln's home.

He said he didn't know what could be done to get the death bed and rocking chair back to Washington.

"Perhaps the Chicago Historical Society and the Ford Museum might be willing to surrender them in the interest of historical verities," he said hopefully.

It's costing Uncle Sam \$92,500 to buy 12 pieces of Abe Lincoln's furniture for the Lincoln home in Springfield. The National Park Service is making the purchase from the Pennsylvania Historical Society, at the urging of U.S. Rep. Paul Findley (D-Ill.). You don't get much for \$92,500: A mahogany side table, French plate mirror, six mahogany chairs, mahogany bureau, mahogany work table, walnut cupboard and a cushion.

Chi. News
9-28-77



PLEASE
PLACE
22¢ STAMP
HERE

**ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM SOCIETY
ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706**

The Illinois State Museum Society

Invites you to the

Reception for the Exhibition:

**PIECES OF A PRIVATE LIFE:
THE LINCOLN HOME FURNISHINGS**

Saturday, May 23, 1987

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

in the art galleries of the

ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM

R.S.V.P.

PIECES OF A PRIVATE LIFE:

The Lincoln Home Furnishings

M _____

will attend the Reception

on Saturday, May 23, 1987

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

I (we) will be bringing _____ guests

We respectfully request the return of this card
so that we may accurately plan our refreshments.

Illinois State Museum
Spring and Edwards
Springfield, Illinois 62706

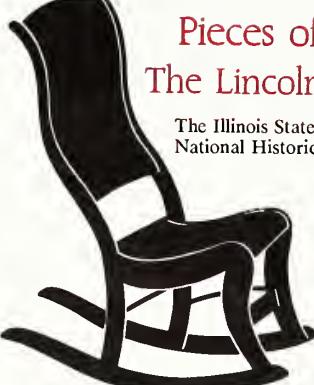


Illinois State Museum
Spring and Edwards
Springfield, Illinois 62706



Pieces of a Private Life: The Lincoln Home Furnishings

The Illinois State Museum is exhibiting the most historically important pieces of furniture from the Lincoln Home National Historic Site from May 24 to November 8, 1987. While the Lincoln Home is being renovated to strengthen the structure and provide for continued accessibility for the half million people visiting each year, pieces known to have been used by Abraham Lincoln and his family are on display at the Museum. These unpretentious furnishings provided comfort for a great man and his family during his few private moments at home.



In 1844, a promising lawyer named Abraham Lincoln brought his young wife and one-year-old son to their new home on the corner of Eighth and Jackson streets in Springfield. In this home, the Lincolns experienced the birth of three more sons and the death of their second born. By 1856 the Lincolns' financial resources had increased to allow for remodeling and redecorating the house. This exhibit presents the pieces of evidence that exist from their seventeen years in the house and explains what they can reveal about the domestic activities of the Lincolns in Springfield, the influences on their choices of furnishings for the home, and their rising status.

Over thirty pieces of furniture and additional household accessories are displayed so that they may be more closely examined and their histories explored. The Illinois State Historical Library has provided documents and artifacts related to the Lincoln Home. Evidence provided by historical archaeology at the site is also on view. The exhibition was organized by the Illinois State Museum with the cooperation of the National Park Service. The Museum is located on the corner of Spring and Edwards streets and is open from 8:30 to 5:00, Monday through Saturday and 1:30 to 5:00 on Sunday. Special Sunday hours May through August, noon to 5:00.

RELATED EVENTS

An Evening with Mary Lincoln

Saturday, June 6, 7:30 p.m.
Thorne Deuel Auditorium
Illinois State Museum

A moving and entertaining depiction of six crucial periods in the life of Mrs. Lincoln. Genny Brown draws upon Mary's own letters in this 45 minute one-woman show. Brown has a long list of theater credits and has been particularly successful at capturing the complex character of Mary Todd Lincoln. Following the show will be a discussion period and "berry party."

Admission fee: \$3.00 general admission, \$2.00 Museum Society members
For reservations call 782-7386.

Hollywood's Lincoln

A film series with introductions by Lincoln historians. Sundays, 2:00 p.m.

Thorne Deuel Auditorium
Illinois State Museum

July 26-Young Mr. Lincoln (1939)

Starring Henry Fonda
Introduced by Thomas Schwartz, Curator, Lincoln Collection, Illinois State Historical Library.

Aug. 2--*Abe Lincoln in Illinois* (1940)
Starring Raymond Massey
Introduced by George Painter, Historian, Lincoln Home National Historic Site.

Aug. 9--*Abraham Lincoln* (1930)
Starring Walter Huston
Introduced by James T. Hickey, former Curator, Lincoln Collection, Illinois State Historical Library.

Admission fees: \$1.00 nonmembers, Free for members

Fun with Willie and Tad

Sunday, September 20, 2-4 p.m.
Special event featuring mid-nineteenth century children's games. Guest appearance by a Lincoln portrayer.
Free admission.

Lincoln Photographs from the Vroegindeweij - Wright Collection

June 28 - September 6
Gallery of Photography
Illinois State Museum

The Lincoln Weekend:

Second Annual Lincoln Colloquium

Saturday, October 24,
11:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Carnegie Room, Lincoln Library
326 South Seventh Street

Dining with Lincoln, by Dr. Wayne Temple, Chief Deputy Director, Illinois State Archives.

Lincoln's Political Principles, by Thomas Schwartz, Curator, Lincoln Collection, Illinois State Historical Library.

Lincoln and the U.S. Constitution, by Judge Harlington Wood, U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit.

Registration fee, including lunch: \$10.00.
Contact: Sangamon County Historical Society in care of Robinson's Advertising Agency, 308 E. Adams, Springfield, IL 62701.

Sponsored by the Lincoln Home National Historic Site and the Sangamon County Historical Society.

Understanding Mary:

Recent Scholarship on the Life of Mary Todd Lincoln
Sunday, October 25, 1987,
Noon-4:30 p.m.
Thorne Deuel Auditorium
Illinois State Museum

An opportunity to explore the enigmatic character of this important historical figure with scholars who have discovered new sources and new interpretations of Mary's life.

Mary Lincoln: Biography as Social History, by Dr. Jean H. Baker, Goucher College, Towson, Maryland; Visiting Professor, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The Todd Family of Kentucky and Mary's Early Years, by Lou F. Holden, Executive Director, Mary Todd Lincoln House, Lexington, Kentucky.

Mary and Abraham Lincoln: Portrait of a Marriage, by Dr. Charles Strozier, City University of New York.

The Crucial Decade: Robert Todd Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln, 1865-1875, by Dr. Betty L. Mitchell, Southeastern Massachusetts University, North Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

Registration fee: \$15.00. Contact: Art Section, Illinois State Museum, Spring and Edwards Streets, Springfield, Illinois 62706

Sponsored by the Illinois State Museum, Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, and Sangamon State University.



Pieces of a Private Life: The Lincoln Home Furnishings

An exhibition of the most historically important furnishings used in Abraham Lincoln's Springfield home. Organized by the Illinois State Museum with the cooperation of the National Park Service at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site.

Illinois State Museum

May 24-November 8, 1987

Opening reception for Illinois State Museum Society
members, May 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Related Events:

An Evening with Mary Lincoln, June 6

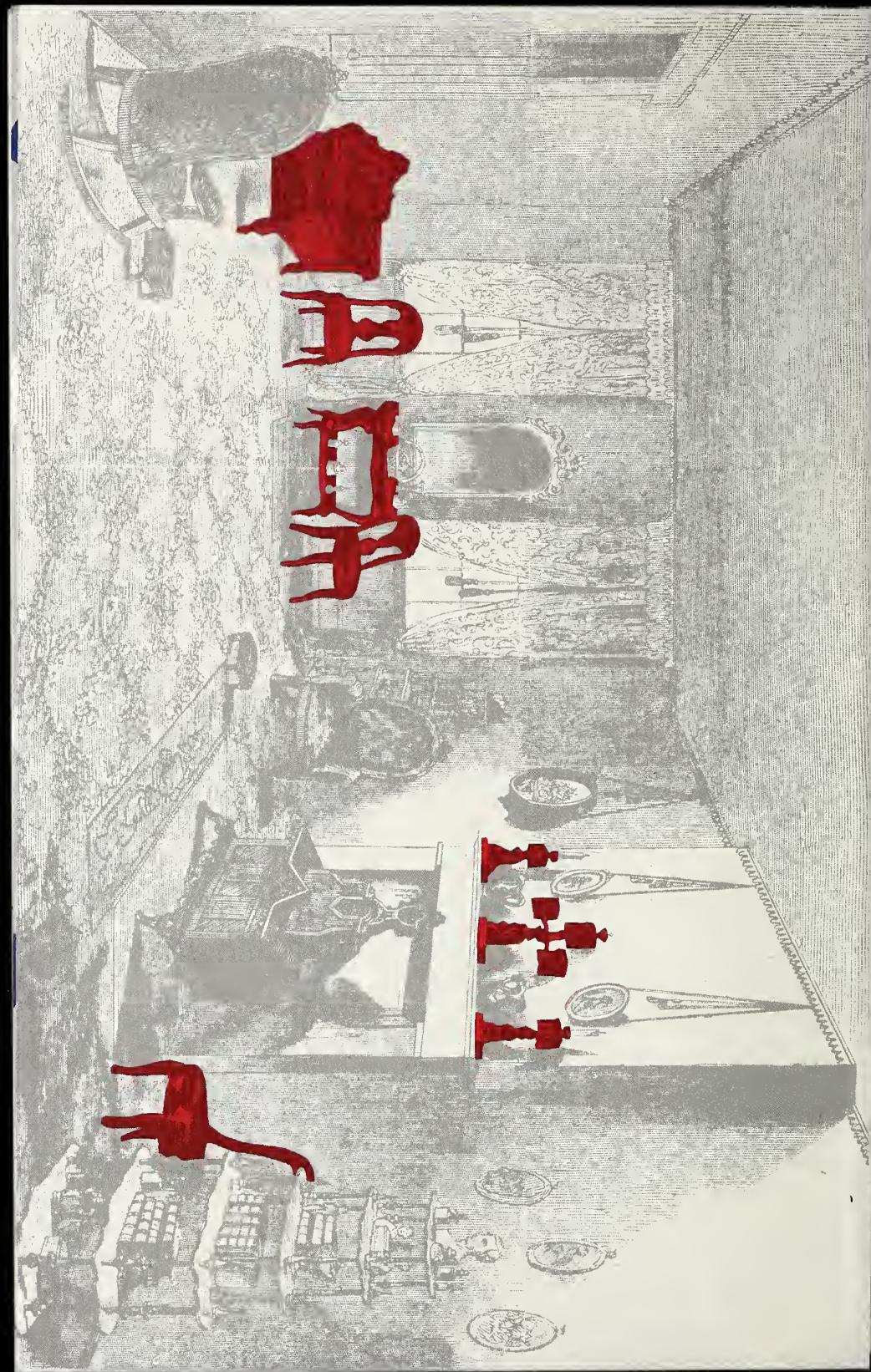
*Lincoln Photographs from the
Vroegindewey - Wright Collection*
June 28 - September 6

Hollywood's Lincoln:
A Film Series, July 26, August 2, 9

Fun With Willie and Tad,
September 20

The Lincoln Weekend:
Second Annual Lincoln
Colloquium, October 24
Understanding Mary: A
Symposium, October 25





REGISTRATION FORM

The Lincoln Weekend:

**Second Annual Lincoln Colloquium,
October 24, 1987:**

\$10.00 _____

Make check payable to Sangamon
County Historical Society.
Mail to the Society c/o
Robinson's Advertising Agency
308 E. Adams
Springfield, Illinois 62701

**Understanding Mary Symposium,
October 25, 1987:**

\$15.00 _____

Make check payable to Illinois
State Museum Society.
Mail to Art Section
Illinois State Museum
Springfield, Illinois 62706

If you wish to register for both events, make
check for \$25.00 payable to Sangamon County
Historical Society and mail to the Society care
of Robinson's Advertising Agency
308 E. Adams, Springfield, Illinois 62701

Total _____

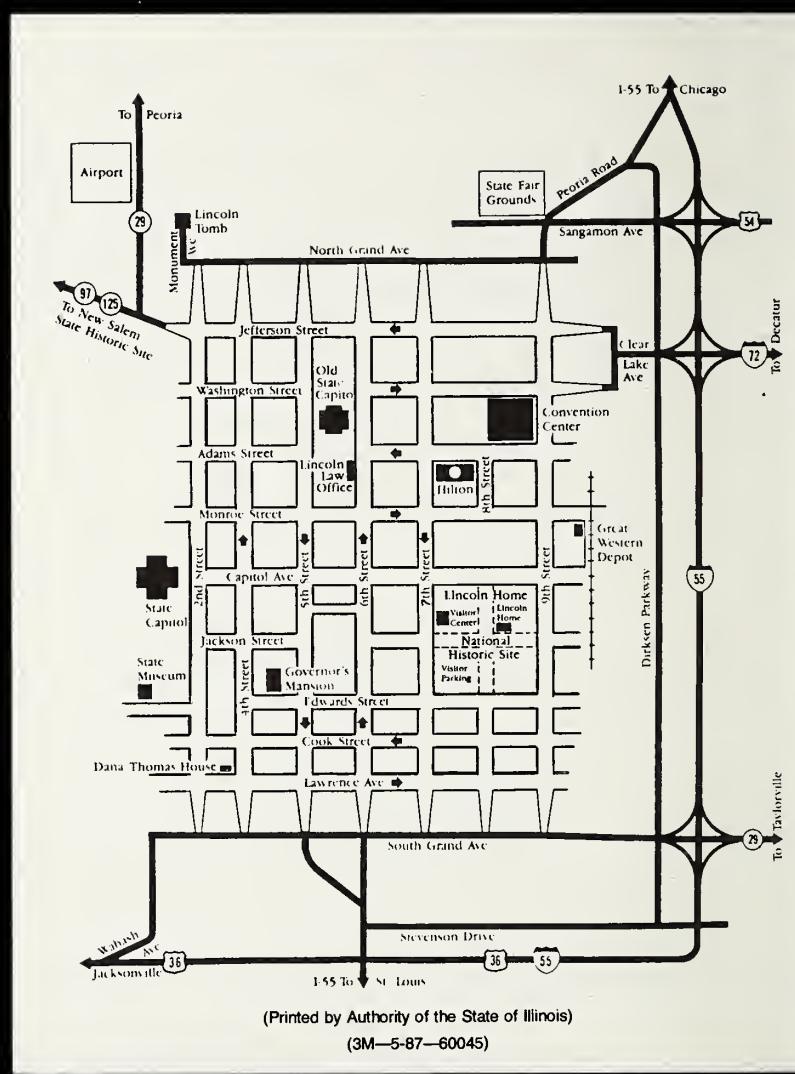
Name _____

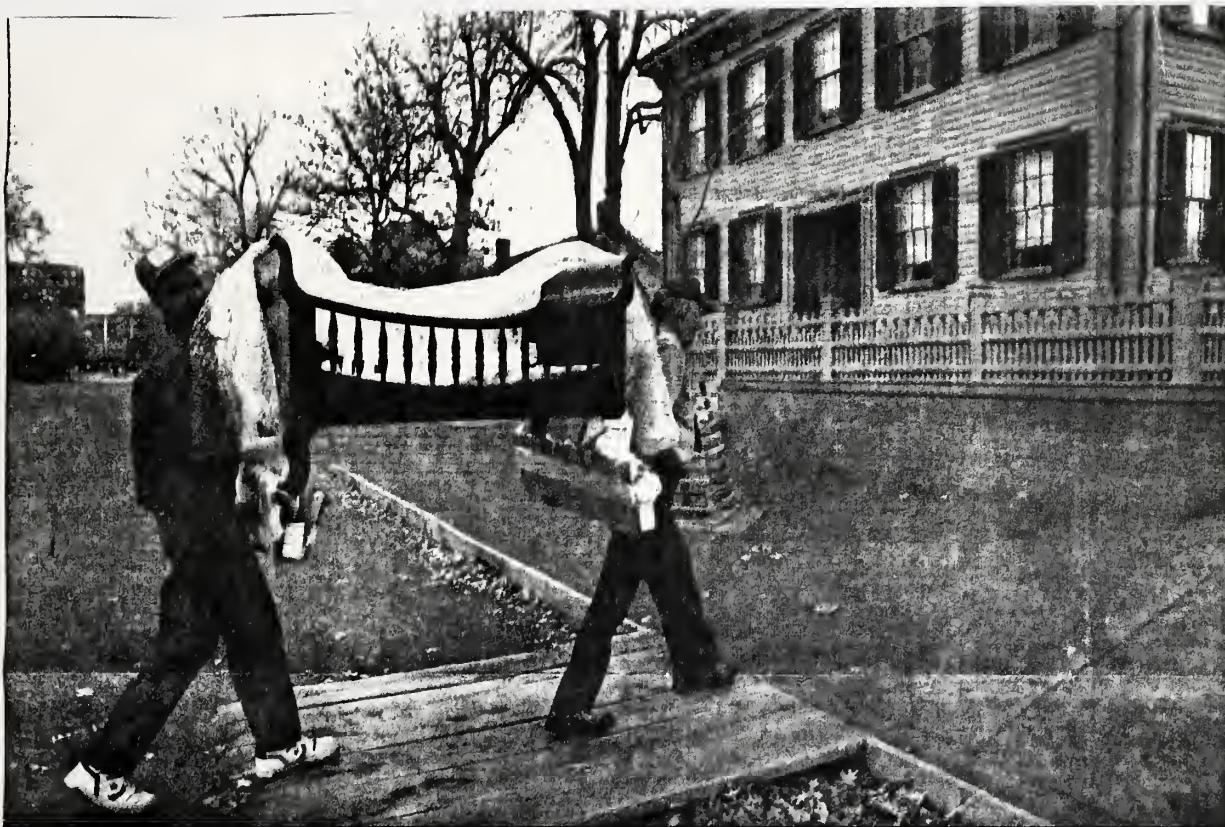
Address _____

City _____

State _____

Phone Number (days) _____





State Journal Register/Greg Mellis

Anthony Jones and Jack Stephens of United Van Lines carry the Lincolns' cradle past the Lincoln Home into storage.

Long-gone Lincoln Home furnishings returned

by Chris Green

After nearly a 100 years, 24 Abraham Lincoln-associated furnishings were returned to Springfield Monday morning, including a cradle.

"All of the Lincoln children slept in it," said Gentry Davis, superintendent of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site.

The items were recovered through the intensive, nationwide "Great Search for the Lost Lincoln Furniture."

"I think it is pretty significant that it (the cradle) was one of the first pieces to make it back," Raymond Phipps of the Lincoln Heritage Trail Foundation said.

Former Rep. Paul Findley said, "Of all the undertakings I attempted in Congress, nothing will be as long lasting as the bring-

ing back of Lincoln's furnishings."

Other items include a settee, a 6-foot, 10-inch bench, custom made at Lincoln's instructions, "long enough to stretch myself on." Lincoln kept it on the south porch, where he would often take a noon nap after lunch. A replica of the bench will be made and placed on the porch, Davis said. The original will be kept in a climate-controlled storage shed behind the home.

Many of the items are part of the Oldroyd Collection, put together by Osborn Oldroyd, the first custodian of the Lincoln Home after it became a historic site in 1887.

During the 1890s, Oldroyd moved the collection to Washington, where it eventually became associated with Ford's Theatre. Most of the items had been kept in

storage since 1922 in Atlanta, Md., a Washington suburb. The items' connection with Lincoln's home were virtually forgotten until the search, Davis said.

The cradle and some of the smaller items will be placed in the home in early January.

Also among the items returned Monday were a desk and chair. According to Ford's Theatre documents, the desk was the first used by Lincoln in his home. The chair was used by Lincoln in one of his law offices. William Herndon, Lincoln's former law partner, presented the chair to the Oldroyd collection in 1886.

Four law books owned or used by Lincoln, two of which contain his signature, also were recovered and returned to Springfield, along with textile and walipa-

per fragments, a door knob, two canes and several photographs.

Through donations, \$10,000 has been raised to find Lincoln-owned items. Davis said it would take almost all of that to restore the chair and desk and the law books. They will be displayed at the Radama Renaissance Hotel for two weeks starting Dec. 15 and then restored by the National Park Service center in Harper's Ferry, W.Va.

The National Historic Site is encouraging those individuals or organizations who may have Lincoln artifacts in their possession to send photographs and supporting documentation to the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 S. Eighth St., or call 492-4241. *Tele. 715-1939.*

Ill. State Journal Register



State Journal-Register/Bill Hagen

Mr. Lincoln's furniture

Furniture that was originally in the Lincoln Home has recently been found and is being returned to the local historic site from the collection of Ford's Theatre National Historic Site. The furniture is on display through Saturday at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel. The display was organized by the National Park Service.

Theaters to reopen Saturday

by Bill Bush

The state Department of Public Health will allow White Oaks Cinema to reopen Saturday following an inspection Thursday for tear gas residue.

Kerasotes Theaters Inc. has hired an Atlanta firm, M.F. Bank, to decontaminate the cinema, according to Tom Long, senior toxicologist for the department. Long visited the cinema Thursday with inspectors from the city Health Department and was impressed, he said. The department will not test for contamination, he said.

M.F. Bank has approximately 60 people working on the project, Long said. The firm has constructed scaffolding in all of the theaters and is using a special chemical to neutralize residue from the gas.

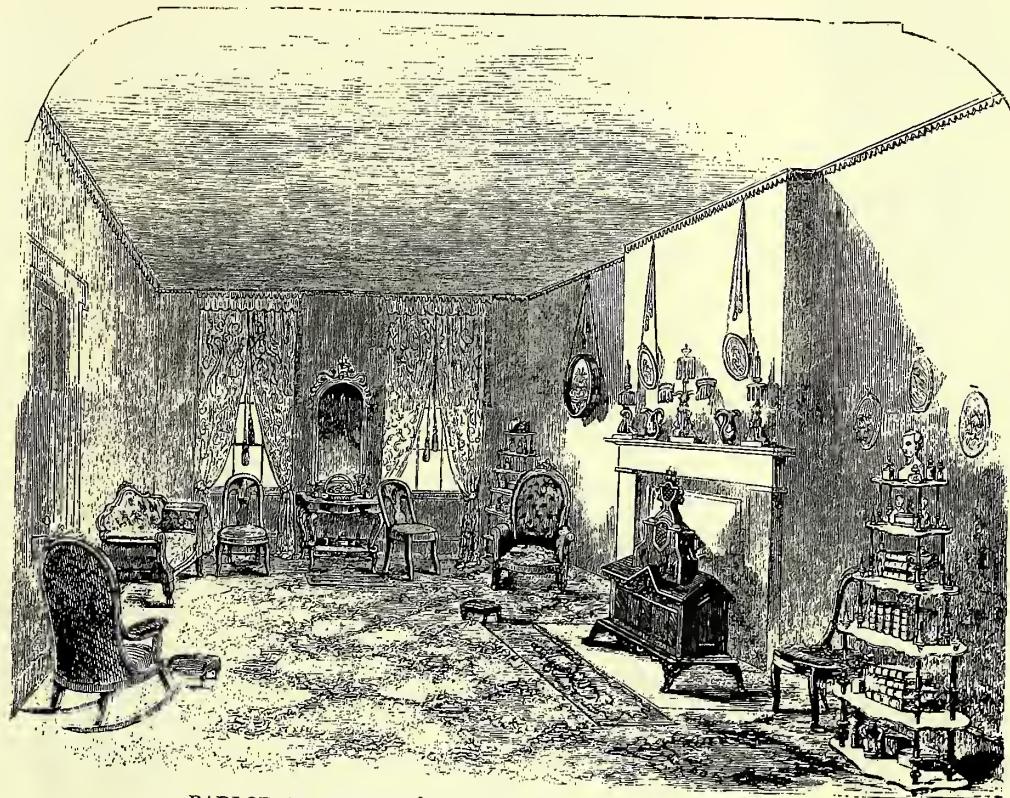
"I'm impressed with the amount of work put into the effort, principally in the unaffected areas," Long said. "They intend on having it ready to open."

A tear gas canister detonated about 11:45 p.m. Saturday in one of the cinema's five theaters. The cinema was closed at the time. The only person near the canister, a janitor, did not require medical treatment. Kerasotes executives opened the other theaters in the complex Sunday, but closed the complex after customers complained of burning eyes and throats.

The cinema's ventilating sys-

12/22/89

STATE JOURNAL REGISTER
SPRINGFIELD, IL



PARLOR OF LINCOLN'S HOUSE IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
From a woodcut in Frank Leslie's Weekly, 1860

